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THE FOLLOWING CABLE WAS CLEARED BY CODEL RUDMAN BEFORE

DEPARTURE FROM SHANGHAI:

- CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- SUMMARY: IN A MINETY-MINUTE MEETING HITH MPC CHAIRMAN WAN LI ON AUGUST 12, SENATOR RUDMAN EXPRESSED THE REVULSION THAT THE U.S. PEOPLE AND THE U.S. CONGRESS FELT TOWARDS THE PRC'S CRUSHING OF THE DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT IN JUNE. NOTING THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS A FRIEND OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS A CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS SENTIMENT AS A BASE, THE TWO SIDES SHOULD WORK
TOGETHER TO REBUILD A RELATIONSHIP THAT WAS IMPORTANT

BOTH BILATERALLY AND GLOBALLY.



4. SENATOR RUDMAN CALLED ON WAN LI, CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF CHINA'S NATIONAL PEOPLES' CONGRESS, AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE ON AUGUST 12. IN ADDITON TO WAN LI, PRO REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDED CPIFA VICE-PRESIDEN AND MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND OCEANIC AFFAIRS ZHA PEIXIN, NPC DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SHI GUOBAO, AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON CHAI ZEMIN, AMBASSADOR LILLEY, ECONCOUNS LAROCCO, AND POLOFF MORIARTY ACCOMPANIED THE SENATOR.

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5. SENATOR RUDMAN BEGAN BY NOTING THAT HE HAD HAD A VERY INTERESTING DISCUSSION OVER LUNCH WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ZHU GIZHEN (AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO WASHINGTON) WHICH HAD REVEALED A GREAT DIVERGENCE IN VIEWS OVER WHAT HAD ACTUALLY HAPPENED IN BEIJING IN JUNE (SEPTEL). THE SENATOR NOTED THAT THE VIEWS OF THE PRC AND THOSE OF THE U.S. PEOPLE AND CONGRESS ON

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THE MATTER WERE SO WIDELY DIFFERENT THAT DEBATE HOULD
BE FUTILE. STILL, HE FELT IT HIS DUTY TO PASS ALONG
TO THE CHAIRMAN THE VIEWS OF THE U.S PEOPLE AND
CONGRESS ON THE SINO-U.S RELATIGNSHIP.

- 6. SENATOR RUDMAN STATED THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SINO-U.S. RELATIONSHIP. ALTHOUGH RELATIONS HAD BEEN STRAINED BY THE EVENTS OF JUNE. THERE WAS A BASIC GOOD HILL TOWARDS CHINA. BOTH IN THE U.S. CONGRESS AND AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THAT COULD LAY THE BASE FOR REBUILDING THE RELATIONSHIP. PRESIDENT BUSH WAS ALSO A GOOD FRIEND OF CHINA AND WANTED TO PUT THE RELATIONSHIP BACK ON AN EVEN KEEL IF POSSIBLE.
- 7. HOWEVER, SENATOR RUDMAN CONTINUED. THEPE SHOULD BE NO HISTAKING THE DEPTH OF FEELING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAD TOWARDS THE EVENTS OF JUNE. THE U.S.

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CONGRESS HAD REFLECTED THOSE FEELINGS WHEN THE TWO HOUSES HAD PASSED RESOLUTIONS IN EARLY JULY CALLING FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE PRC. WHILE HE HAD SUPPORTED THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION AND HAD VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION, SENATOR RUDMAN FELT THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITIES BY WHICH THE RESOLUTIONS HAD PASSED REFLECTED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE SINO-U.S. RELATIONSHIP. THE SENATOR STATED THAT BOTH SIDES HAD TO START ADDRESSING THESE PROBLEMS AT THE MINISTERIAL AND AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL IF THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE TO REBUILD THE RELATIONSHIP.

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WAN LI: A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

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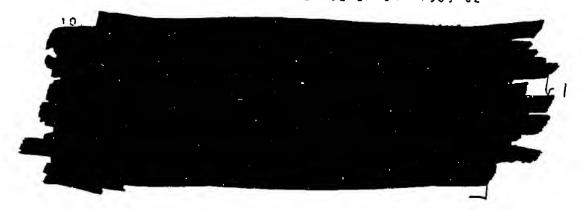
8. WAN LI THANKED THE SENATOR FOR HIS CONCERN OVER THE HEALTH OF THE SINO-U.S. RELATIONSHIP, A RELATIONSHIP WHICH THE NPC CHAIRMAN TERMED IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES OF THE THO NATIONS AND OF WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY. BEGINNING A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF CHINESE HISTORY, WAN LI NOTED THAT FOR MANY CENTURIES THE CHINESE PEOPLE HAD BEEN OPPRESSED BY FEUDALISM AND IMPERIALISM. WHILE SUN YAT-SEN'S REVOLUTION HAD OVERHROWN THE IMPERIALIST SYSTEM, MANY PROBLEMS HAD REMAINED. THE COMMUNIST PAFTY OF CHINA HAD BEEN FOUNDED UNDER MARXIST-LENINIST INFLUENCE, AND AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF STRUGGLE HAD ESTABLISHED THE PRC.

9. CONTINUING, WAN LI CLAIMED THAT THE PRC HAD BEEN FORCED TO FIGHT IN KOREA AND VIETNAM BECAUSE THE WESTERN NATIONS, LED BY THE U.S., HAD NOT BEEN HAPPY WITH THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM THAT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN CHINA. BEGINNING IN THE EARLY 1970'S, HOWEVER. FAR-SIGHTED STATESMEN -- NIXON AND KISSINGER ON THE U.S. SIDE AND MAD AND ZHOU ON THE CHINESE SIDE -- HAD REALIZED THE THO COUNTRIES SHOULD DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS. SINCE THEN, ALTHOUGH SOME MINOR PROBLEMS HAD ARISEN, THE RELATIONSHIP HAD DEVELOPED STEADILY. BASED ON BOTH SIDES ON MUTUAL PESPECT FOR THE THREE COMMUNIQUES.

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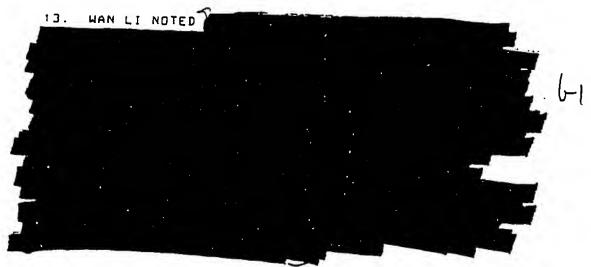
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SENATOR RUDMAN: PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS AND BRUTAL PEPRESSION

OULD SUPVIVE TOTAL CHAOS AND INSTABILITY, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. HAD SURVIVED DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOR OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND AGAINST THE VIETNAM WAR THAT HERE PROPORTIONALLY AS LARGE AS, IF NOT LARGER CONFIDENTIAL

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THAN, THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN TIANAMMEN. HE ADDED THAT U.S. PERCEPTIONS OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT TIANAMMEN HERE FORMED NOT SOLELY BY THE MEDIA BUT ALSO BY CHINESE STUDENTS IN THE U.S. INCLUDING IN HIS HOME STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. THESE STUDENTS, THE SENATOR POINTED OUT, HERE NOT HOOLIGANS OP COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES BUT RATHEP INTELLIGENT, PATRIOTIC CHINESE WHO HAD WON THE ADMIRATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

15. CONTINUING. SENATOR RUDMAN NOTED THAT THE U.S.

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PEOPLE AND CONGRESS HAD NOT SEEN A SMALL BAND OF
COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES IN TIANANMEN BUT RATHER LARGE
NUMBERS OF STUDENTS, WORKERS, OFFICE WORKERS, AND
EVEN SOME MILITARY PEACEFULLY DEMONSTRATING. THEN,
THE SENATOR SAID, WE SAW OVER-REACTION BY THE
GOVERNMENT, AND THE MILITARY BRUTALIZING MANY OF THE
DEMONSTRATORS. THE SENATOR EMPHASIZED THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF A PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAS USING A
PEOPLE'S ARMY TO DO SUCH DEEDS.

16. STILL, THE SENATOR STRESSED, HE CAME IN FRIENDSHIP. HE FELT THAT IT HAS INPORTANT THAT THE PRC UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS IN CONGRESS, WITH WHICH PRESIDENT BUSH MUST WORK. TH: 15, HE HAD COME AT A TIME WHEN MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WISHED TO AVOID CI.INA ALTOGETHER. IN CONTRAST, HE FELT THAT IT HAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO COME NOW, WHEN THE THO SIDES WERE TRYING TO REBUILD A RELATIONSHIP THAT WAS

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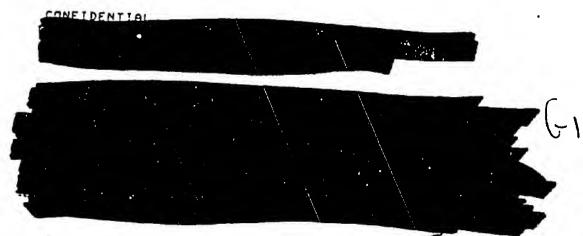
OF SUCH CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. HE POINTED OUT. HOWEVER, THAT IF THE RELATIONSHIP HERE TO BE REBUILT. THE THO SIDES WOULD HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER; THE PROMOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CLAIM THAT IT WAS SOLELT UP TO THE U.S. TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE.



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19. WAN LI CLOSED BY ASKING THE SENATOR TO CONVEY HIS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT BUSH AND VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE AND STATED THAT HE HOPE THAT MORE CONGRESSMEN HOULD BE VISITING CHINA IN THE FUTURE.

COMMENT

20. WHILE THE TONE OF THE MEETING WAS AS POLITE AND CORDIAL AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PRC'S MESSAGE, CONVEYED BY WAN LI, WAS NOT: THE USG IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR AN DETERIORATION IN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND IS THUS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO TRY TO IMPROVE THOSE RELATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, SENATOR RUDMAN WAS EQUALLY CLEAR IN CONVEYING THE U.S. VIEW OF WHAT HAD ACTUALLY HAPPENED AND OF WHAT MUST BE DONE TO RESTORE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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EQUILIBRIUM OF THE SIND-U.S. RELATIONSHIP.